

## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Garnet Logistics Inc. Site 3681 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until July 3, 2018.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 18-7400-NRP, will affect approximately five (5) acres identified by Charleston County tax map # 411-13-00-006. A party by the name of Charleston County wants to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Charleston County.

The Property is bounded generally to the north by Headquarters Road with Dorchester Square Shopping Center beyond; to the east by Service Transfer (an intermodal trucking service) with Charleston County Government Offices beyond; to the south by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office with Azalea Drive beyond; and to the west by Leeds Avenue with a Charleston Area Transportation Authority maintenance facility beyond.

Charleston County will acquire the Property. The Property will remain a warehouse as leased and utilized by Garnet Logistics until such time as Charleston County repurposes the Property to integrate it into its Public Works Facilities for government operations serving non-industrial and non-residential uses. Past operations have caused environmental contamination on the property. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Charleston County to own the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental contamination. Charleston County did not cause the contamination but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Charleston County responsible for pre-existing contamination in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Charleston County will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination in the past. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

Under the proposed contract, Charleston County will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Charleston County will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/">http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/</a>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 3, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, email berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0736 or at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Mark Berenbrok at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.